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1. MFA DIRECTOR FOR MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS CALLED EMBASSY JUNE 6 TO ASK THAT SECRETARY RECEIVE SWEDISH MINISTER OF COMMERCE STAFFAN BURENSTAM LINDER BRIEFLY TO DISCUSS VIGGEN CASE. BURENSTAM LINDER, WITH MINISTER OF ECONOMY GOSTA BOHMAN, WILL REPRESENT SWEDEN AT OECD MINISTERIAL. (FOREIGN MINISTER SODER IS ACCOMPANYING KING AND QUEEN ON SOVIET TRIP AND WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN OECD MEETING.)

2. WE URGE THAT THE SECRETARY SEE BURENSTAM LINDER FOR TWO REASONS, 1) MRS. SODER'S REQUEST FOR A BILATERAL AT THE UNGA SSOD HAD TO BE REFUSED; 2) AS THE DEPARTMENT AWARE, THE VIGGEN IS ACUTELY IMPORTANT TO THE SWEDES, AND THEY HAVE NOT GIVEN UP IN THEIR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN OUR APPROVAL SHOULD THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT DECIDE ON THE SWEDISH PLANE AS A POSSIBLE DPSA. BURENSTAM LINDER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SWEDISH REGULATIONS IN EXPORT OF WAR MATERIALS SO HAS IMMEDIATE INTEREST IN THE VIGGEN CASE, ALTHOUGH OUR CONVERSATIONS HAVE BEEN IN POLITICAL AND MILITARY CHANNELS UNTIL NOW. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE SWEDES ATTACHE TO THIS CASE
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BURENSTAM LINDER DOES NOT WISH TO LET PASS AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPROACH THE SECRETARY.

3. BURENSTAM LINDER DEPARTS JUNE 7 FOR A MISSION TO BRAZIL AND PROCEEDS DIRECTLY TO PARIS ON JUNE 13. WE CAN INFORM HIM THROUGH THE MFA OF THE SECRETARY'S DECISION. ADVISE.

4. THE AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN CALLED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON JUNE 7 TO HEAR OF GROWING SWEDISH CONCERNS OVER US EXPORT CONTROLS. THE SUBJECT IS RELATED TO THE VIGGEN CASE, SO WE DO NOT RULE OUT THAT BURENSTAM LINDER MIGHT RAISE IT WITH THE SECRETARY AS WELL. WE WILL ADVISE FOLLOWING THE AMBASSADOR'S MEETING.
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